

## AN INDIAN INCIDENT.

A gentleman in government employ in charge of some Indians in Dakota, told me recently a bit of experience that shows that some Indians are more appreciative of blessings than some white people. He was sent to carry some things to the Yellow Bank Indians. They had been furnished with farms, utensils, and all other help expected from government, and were expected to take care of themselves. But it had been hard times with them so government sent this man to help them. At first the Indians refused to put their hands on a thing he brought. He learned that for days they had been praying for help, and now that it had come, they wanted to call a prayer meeting and thank God for the blessing, after which they gladly accepted.—Word Carrier.

## AN INDIAN TRADITION.

Among one of the south-western tribes of Indians there is a tradition that long ago there were in the world only three men, who were all black. Once as they journeyed together they came to a deep pool of beautifully clear water. Here they halted and one of them plunged into the water, from which he came out no longer black, but white. Seeing this the second man followed his example, but the pool was so clouded that he emerged neither black nor white, but a brownish red. The last man feared more than ever when he saw how dark the water had become, so he timidly touched it only with the palms of his hands and the soles of his feet, which were thus made a little lighter color. So from this time on there were the three races, the white man, the Indian and the negro. After this the three men journeyed still farther until they reached a place where three packages were lying. The white man caught up the first, which contained books and paper and pens. The Indian was quite satisfied with the bows and arrows of the second, while the poor black man, who held back timidly as before, nothing was left but the hoe and ax, and thus, concludes the tradition, did the white man become a scholar, the Indian a hunter and the negro a slave.—Exchange.

## ASSASSINATED.

Alexander II, czar of Russia, was assassinated on the 13, while returning from a parade. A bomb was thrown and exploded under his sleigh, but without injuring him. He alighted and was trying to relieve a friend who had been wounded, when a second bomb exploded at his feet inflicting injuries from the effect of which he soon died. The bombs were made of thick glass filled with nitro-glycerine. The doctor's bulletin, published at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, stated that both legs were broken below the knees, the lower part of the body was severely injured, and the left eye torn from its socket. The first information received was a dispatch from Minister Foster to Secretary Blaine. The following is a copy of the dispatch sent by Blaine:

Foster, American Minister to St. Petersburg, Express to the minister of foreign affairs the sentiment of sorrow with which the president and people of the United States have heard of the terrible crime of which the emperor has been the victim, and their profound sympathy with the imperial family and Russian people in their great affliction.

BLAINE, Secretary.

Garfield's Secretary of War is Robt. Lincoln. He received his appointment principally because he is the son of his father; but he has very little of the ability that distinguished the honest old rail-splitter.—Fort Smith Independent.

This winter may have been an unusual hard one on stock but there has never been such demand for cattle and sheep at this time of the year as there is now. We predict that stock eatle will be higher than common this year.—Cresset.

The Orange Free State farmers regard the reinforcements now coming from England, as dangerous to their interests. They fear that the British will attempt to annex their country, and are about ready to join the Boers.

The Mexican National railroad, the Palmer-Sullivan company, have contracted with two Pennsylvania firms for 200 engines and 5000 cars for the equipment of the line from Laredo on the Mexican frontier to the City of Mexico.

Paul Kruger, in a letter to President Brand, of the Orange Free State, expresses the desire of the Boers for an honorable peace, but says: "We cannot cut our own throats by declaring ourselves rebels. We hold to the offer of a republic under a British protectorate."

The Southern Baptist Missionary Society is building a new mission in the Indian Territory. It is to be located sixty miles south-west of Muscogee, in the Choctaw Nation, composed of nine spacious buildings, including a church, school house, residences for the missionary and married teachers, and a boarding house for unmarried workers.

At a meeting in New York on the 25th inst. fifteen persons subscribed the cost one room, \$300, in behalf of an Indian school. One lady gave \$2,000 for a special department. Gen. Tinslong has raised \$10,000 in the city. Twenty thousand dollars will be needed to complete the proposed building for Indian girls, which scores of half savage young women are waiting to enter.

The quarantine grounds set apart for Texas cattle, begins on the west line of Comanche county; thence north to the Arkansas River; thence west along the river to the west line of Ford county; thence north twelve miles; thence west six miles; thence north to the north line of Grove county; thence west to the east line of Thomas county; thence north to the north line of Kansas.—Cresset.

The following resolution was adopted by the socialists of New York on the 17th: "All people have a right to protect their rights by any means, and although we condemn assassination as impracticable, nevertheless we consider that under a government of such fearful tyranny as the Russian empire, it is the only means that could be used, and therefore we consider the deed of the Russian people not to be assassination but execution, and we see in this act a terrible lesson to tyrants. Other socialistic meetings in the United States have passed resolutions of similar import."

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